

OLIVER S. STORCH
ATTORNEY AT LAW
SUITE 1001
305 BROADWAY
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10007

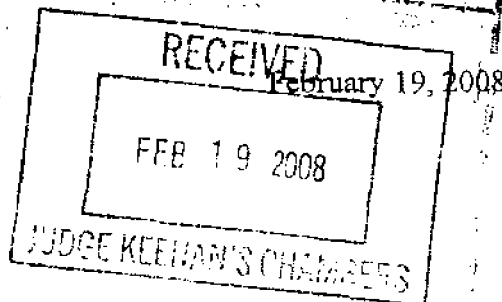
USDC SDNY
DOCUMENT
ELECTRONICALLY FILED
DOC #:
DATE FILED: 2-19-08

MEMBER OF N.Y. & CT. BARS

TELEPHONE (212) 687-2993
FACSIMILE (212) 732-7060

BY FACSIMILE

The Honorable J. John F. Keenan
United States District Court Judge
United States Courthouse
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl St., Room 1930
New York, New York 10007



Re: United States v. Francis Alberto Hilario
Case No. 07-CR-1034 (JFK)

Your Honor:

Greetings. Mr. Hilario is scheduled for a status conference before Your Honor on February 20, 2008 at 10:00 am.

The Defense has received discovery from the Government.

The Defense and the Government are engaged in ongoing plea discussions which may result in the disposition of this matter without a trial.

For the foregoing reasons, the Defense respectfully requests that the status conference be continued until March 20, 2008 at 9:45 am., a time and date convenient to the Court as per your Courtroom Deputy, Mr. Bill Ryan.

A.U.S.A Kenneth Polite joins in this continuance request.

The Defense and the Government therefore respectfully request an exclusion of time under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. 3161 (h) (8) (A) from **February 20, 2008**, until **March 20, 2008 at 9:45 am.**, on the grounds that the ends of justice served by the exclusion outweigh the interest of the defendant and the public in a speedy trial.

Respectfully Submitted,


Oliver S. Storch, Esq

SO ORDERED:


United States District Court Judge

OS/ns

cc: A.U.S.A. Kenneth A. Polite